

REMARKS

Introduction:

Claims 26-41 are pending in the present application. Applicants are amending herewith Claim 41.

The Office Action:

The Office Action states that the response filed December 19, 2003 was not fully responsive to the Office Action because newly added Claim 41, which is the only independent claim, eliminated the elected subject matter; *i.e.*, 2-methoxyestradiol.

Applicant is amending Claim 41 herewith to correct the drawing of the structure of the compound. In the previous response, applicants accidentally failed to show the unsaturation in the "A" ring. This was not an intentional omission, as applicants did not intend to change the scope of the claim. The omission was in effect a typographical error. The amendment to Claim 41 puts the claim into the structure that was originally intended and includes the elected species 2-methoxyestradiol. Applicants further submit that the present amendment of Claim 41 does not change the scope of the claim, because it merely corrects an unintentional error.

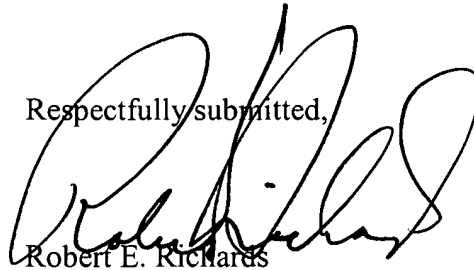
Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing remarks and amendment. Such action is courteously solicited. Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants further request that the

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Examiner call the undersigned counsel if allowance of the claims can be facilitated by examiner's amendment, telephone interview or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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